

**MEDICAL LABORATORY
PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Date: April 15, 2009

Time: 1:00 p.m., CDT

Location: Bureau of Health, Licensure, & Regulation
TN Dept. of Health
Heritage Place-Iris Room
227 French Landing, Ground Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Darius Wilson, MAT, Ed.D. Committee Chairperson
Norman Crowe, Independent Lab Management/Admin.
Alison McDonald-Spakes, CT
John C. Neff, M.D.
Trudy Papuchis, M.D.
Christopher Seay, M.T.
Annie Washington, M.T.

Members Absent: Yvonne Davis, MT (Term Expired)

Staff Present: Lynda S. England, MT, Director
Ernest Sykes, Jr., Advisory Attorney

Staff Absent: All Staff Present.

Presiding Officer: Darius Wilson

Minutes: Minutes from this meeting were presented to the Medical Laboratory Board for approval.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm CDT by Ms. Wilson

Mr. Sykes reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy with Committee members.

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Proceedings and Action Taken: .

1. Review Correspondence; personnel issues:

A. Review Files for Eligibility:

1A-1 Hui Huang
Nashville, TN 37211
Supervisor, Special Analyst-Clinical Cytogenetics

Ms. Huang is a foreign applicant educated in Beijing, China and is certified by NCA in Cytogenetics having passed the examination in 1991.

Ms. Huang had her foreign transcript evaluated by an agency not on the Board's approved list.

After discussion, the Committee voted to recommend evaluation from one of their approved agencies. If that was equal to that of an MD or a BS, then licensure could be granted by the boards administrative director.

Motion: Mr. Crowe
Second: Dr. Neff.

1A-2 James A. Beimel
Knoxville, TN 37920
Medical Technologist-Generalist

Mr. Beimel graduated from Millsaps College with a BS degree in Biology and had 52-weeks of laboratory training in the army by his DD214.

Mr. Beimel was certified by the American Technologist examination in 1974.

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Committee members reviewed and discussed this file and stated this applicant lacked nine (9) and two-thirds (2/3) hours of the ninety (90) science coursework hours required per Board Rule 1200-6-1-.22(1) (a) 2(v) (II) I and 1200-6-1-.22(f).

The committee was also concerned that information obtained from Mr. Beimels' application indicated he had not worked in the laboratory field since the 1970's.

Because of these concerns this application was held until the July 15, 2009 meeting to clarify some of the above points.

Mr. Beimel was encouraged to attend this meeting.

Motion: Dr. Neff.
Second: Mr. Crowe.

1A-3 Jigna Patel
Murfreesboro, TN 37128
Medical Laboratory Technician

Ms. Patel was a foreign graduate from India. Her transcript evaluation indicates the completion of a medical laboratory technology training program in a hospital environment that is **not** the equivalent of completion of an undergraduate study at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the US.

The equivalency indicates the completion of three (3) years of undergraduate study in Microbiology.

Ms. Patel has AMT certification obtained in 2008.

After discussion the committee voted to deny this application based on the absence of an associate degree.

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Motion to Deny Application: Dr. Neff.
Second: Dr. Papuchis.

1A-4 Barbara A. McCreary
Mt. Juliet, TN
Medical Technologist-Microbiologist

Ms. McCreary has a BA degree in Microbiology
with national certification from the National Registry
of Microbiologists.

Ms. McCreary was unable to have a successful
background check by the TBI because of their
inability to complete a scan of her fingerprints.

A name search was performed by the TBI.

Board Policy on Criminal Background Checks
(CBS's) does not permit licensure based on a
name only search. Members decided to
discuss a revision of that policy during the
July meeting.

This application was denied because of
current Board policy on criminal background
checks.

Motion to Deny: Dr. Neff.
Second: Dr. Papuchis.

1A-5 Melanie P. Carpio
Bartlett, TN
Medical Technologist-Generalist

Ms. Carpio received her education in the
Philippines in 1993. She was certified by the
AMT in 2009.

Motion for Licensure: Dr. Neff
Second: Mr. Crowe.
Application Approved.

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B. Reinstatement Applications:

No applications were reviewed by committee members during this meeting.

C. Reactivate-Retired Applications:

C-1 James B. Chan
Nashville, TN 37203
Medical Technologist-Generalist License
License #4986

This file was reviewed by committee members with the recommendation Mr. Chan seek counsel from TNPAP.

Members recommended Mr. Chan counsel with TNPAP either to establish a relationship or receive a recommendation from the agency that he does not need their services.

Should TNPAP's evaluation require a contract with this agency with the result that a contract is signed, Mr. Chan's license would be reactivated by the administrative office.

Motion: Mr. Crowe.

Second: Dr. Neff.

2. Review Consultant Approval and Ratification of Personnel Applications

2A. New Licenses and Temporary Licenses (Attachment 1)

The committee reviewed the director-approved list of initial and temporary licenses from January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009.

2B. Reinstatements (Attachment 2)

The committee reviewed the director-approved list for licensure reinstatements from January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009.

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2C. Closed Files (Attachment 3)

The committee reviewed the personnel files closed between January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009.

2D. Retired Files (Attachment 4)

The committee reviewed the roster of medical laboratory personnel who retired their licensed between January 1 and March 31, 2009.

Mr. Crowe made a motion to approve items A-D Section 4.
Second: Ms. Washington. Administrative Actions: Approved

3. Review Correspondence: Educational Issues:

3A-1 The Committee reviewed a position revision by the College of American Pathologists which proposed their support for the state licensure of medical laboratory professionals.

The Committee reviewed these documents for information only (FYI) purposes.

No action was taken on this matter.

3B Clinical Rotation Site Approval

3B-1 Med Vance Institute
Cookeville, TN 38501
Medical Technician Training Program
Laverne Floyd, Program Director

Rotation Site(s):

a-Emerald-Hodgson Hospital
Sewanee, TN 37375

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After discussion committee members voted to add this facility laboratory as a training site for this state certified MLT program.

Motion: Mr. Crowe.
Second: Dr. Neff.
Approved.

b-Trousdale Medical Center
Hartsville, TN 37074

After discussion the members voted to add this clinical facility as a training site for this MLT program.

Motion: Mr. Crowe.
Second: Ms. McDonald-Spakes.
Approved.

3B-2

Austin Peay State University
Clarksville, TN 37044
Medical Technologist Training Program
Robbie Roberson, PHD, Director

Centennial Medical Center Laboratory
2300 Patterson
Nashville, TN 37203

Dr. Roberson, program director, submitted documentation requesting the addition of this licensed laboratory as a clinical rotation site for their medical technologist training program (microbiology).

After committee discussion members determined the application was incomplete, and not submitted on the correct form. Members recommended additional information be submitted to the boards administrative office for further review. The committee determined the application was to be held open to allow supplemental information and if complete then approval would be granted by the board's director.

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Motion: Dr. Neff.
Second: Mr. Crowe.

Note: Dr. Papuchis recused herself from the discussion and vote.

4. Insufficient Funds/Administrative Revocation

No documents were presented for Committee review during this meeting.

5. OGC Update Information:

Mr. Sykes gave the committee members a brief review of the report that will be presented to the full board on April 16, 2009. The complete report is included in the minutes of the full board.

6. Rulemaking Update:

Mr. Sykes distributed a copy of the Rulemaking Filing Form for rules that will become effective June 15, 2009.

The rules affected by these changes include:
1200-06-01-.03, 1200-06-01-.12, 1200-06.01-.22,
1200-06-01-.18, and 1200-06-03-.02.

A motion to accept this report was made by Mr. Crowe.
Second: Mr. Seay.
Report Approved.

7. Other Business/Clarification for Staff:

TNPAP Contract:

The current contract between the Department of Health and the Tennessee Nurses Peer Assistance Program expires on June 30, 2009.

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In search of an agency to continue to provide advocacy to medical laboratory professionals licensed in Tennessee, the Department mailed numerous Requests for Information (RFI's-221) to parties that might be interested in providing advocacy to laboratory licensees.

This program area received a response from approximately twenty (20) of those receiving the RFI notification with one candidate that met the majority of requirements specified in the RFI.

This agency was the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TNPAP)

The committee voted to accept the contract with no changes in services, or fees with a nomination by Dr. Papuchis.

Second: Mr. Seay.

Contract Approved.

8. Education Advisory Committee Update:

Tennessee Code Annotated 68-29-109, Section (k), established an education advisory committee that can be appointed by the personnel & education committee chair.

A couple of individuals on the task force have not submitted the information to the administrative office.

Ms. Wilson, Task Force Chair, stated she will contact those individuals for a response to the rules re-write before the July meeting.

9. Other Business:

Ms. England reported she is now reviewing all continuing education audits for medical laboratory professionals.

Statement of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be July 15, 2009 beginning at 1 pm CDT in the Bureau of Health, Licensure, & Regulation-Iris Room, Ground Floor Heritage Place 227 French Landing - MetroCenter Nashville TN 37243.

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Record of Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was
adjourned at 3:30pm CDT on a motion properly presented
by Mr. Crowe.
Second: Mr. Seay.

Signature: _____

Darius Wilson, MAT, Ed.D
Chairman
Personnel & Education Committee

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT 1
Initial License
January 1, 2009-March 31, 2009

License Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
01-09				
22380	Bertram	Rachel	Oak Ridge, TN	Technician
22406	Chor	David	Racine, WI	Technician
22446	Rhome	Brandon	Athens, TN	Technician
22433	Terry	Vicki	Fr. Oglethorpe , GA	Technician
22399	Robinson	Lakingya	Chicago, IL	Technician
22439	Isaacs	Gregory	Candler, NC	Technologist
22401	Brown	Holly	Knoxville, TN	Technologist
22436	Costa	Samantha	Bensalem, PA	Technologist
22417	Henegar	Teresa	Elizabethton, TN	Technologist
22302	Kerstiens	William	Nashville, TN	Technologist
21152	Mack	Jennifer	Church Hill, TN	Technologist
22428	Sigmon	Robin	Oak Ridge, TN	Technologist
22404	Hall	Nicole	Southaven, MS	Technologist
22445	Phillips	Huey	Corinth, MS	Technologist
20639	Reagan	Alan	Jonesboro, AR	Supervisor-General
12127	Waddell	Mary Ann	Memphis, TN	Supervisor-Chemistry
22435	White	Patricia	Johnson City, TN	Technologist-Microbiology
22362	Joyner	Taneka	Smyrna, TN	Technologist-Microbiology
22444	Dickman	Katherine	Ft. Campbell, KY	S.A.-Cytotechnologist
22437	Deskins	Debra	Crossville, TN	S.A.-Cytogenetics
13551	Holland	Elizabeth	Cookeville, TN	Sup.-Cytogenetics
22188	Herrick	Jonathan	Hermitage, TN	Sup. -Cytogenetics
21015	Liu	Mingya	Brentwood, TN	Sup.-Cytogenetics
01-31-09				
02-01-09				
22359	Underhill	Michael	Byrdstown, TN	Technician
22421	Hendrix	Heather	Johnson City, TN	Technician
22426	Harwood	Jessica	Jonesborough, TN	Technician
22413	Albion	Stephanie	Memphis, TN	Technician
22427	Lewis	Paul	Watauga, TN	Technician
22448	Claverie	Diana	Jacksonville, FL	Technician
22455	Warren	Sidney	Horn Lake, MS	Technician
22388	Cain	Paul	Clarksville, TN	Technologist
22434	Meadows	Deenie	Schenectady, NY	Technologist
22415	White	Audry	Strawberry Plains, TN	Technologist
22453	Simmons	Marilyn	Nashville, TN	Technologist
22414	Ostuni	Pamela	Knoxville, TN	Technologist
22448	Claverie	Diana	Jacksonville, FL	Technologist-Micro

12368	Clark	Cora	Memphis, TN	Supervisor-General
19958	Sanders	Regina	Arlington, TN	Supervisor-General
22452	Zalepa	Deborah	Antioch, TN	S.A.-Cytogenetics
02/07/09				
03/01/09				
22458	Swystun	Victoria	Cookeville, TN	Technician
22335	Tesfaye	Seble	Nashville, TN	Technician
22277	Edwards	Jaclyn	Bethel Springs, T N	Technician
22470	Pietila	Anna	Palmer, MI	Technician
22422	Dinsmore	Charity	Mt Carmel, TN	Technician
22425	Almaroad	Steve	Blountville, TN	Technician
22467	Snyder	Jamie	Colorado Springs, CO	Technician
22472	Holt	Chris	Iuka, MS	Technician
22460	Prowell	Lakisha	Nashville, TN	Technologist
22398	Lawson	Steven	Knoxville, TN	Technologist
22465	Kellem	Rhonda	Murfreesboro, TN	Technologist
18646	Ketron	Cathy	Maryville, TN	Technologist
22477	Cude	Candice	Dunedin, FL	Technologist
19505	South	Lorie	Abingdon, VA	Supervisor-General
20864	Shumaker	Barrett	Cordova, TN	Supervisor-General
17912	Guy	Rachel	Speedwell, TN	Supervisor-General
21218	Tabb	Jane	Springfield, TN	Supervisor-General
22454	Queen	Rossie	Cordova, TN	S.A.-Cytogenetics
22443	Golembiewski-Ruiz	Victoria	Nashville, TN	S.A.-Cytogenetics
03-31-09				

Attachment 2
Temporary License
January 1, 2009 – March 31, 2009

File Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
01-09				
22421	Hendrix	Heather	Johnson City, TN	Technician
37659	Hardwood	Jessica	Jonesborough, TN	Technician
22420	Vaughn	Larry	Kingsport, TN	Technician
22414	Ostuni	Pamela	Knoxville, TN	Technologist
02-09				
22447	Clark	Mitzi	Rock Island, TN	Technician
22419	Manuel	Onoriode	Greenville, TN	Technician
37202	Mikasobe	Anthony	Nashville, TN	Technologist
03-09				
22473	DeBold	Robin	Bristol, TN	Technician
22457	Bouldin	Tracy	Rickman, TN	Technician
22461	Strong	Amanda	Jamestown, TN	Technician
22429	Dickinson	Pamela	Etowah, TN	Technologist
03-09				

ATTACHMENT 3
License Reinstatements
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License Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
01-01-09				
21519	McKinney	Lorri	New Tazewell, TN	Technologist
13649	Dillard	Teresa	Galax, VA	Technologist
01-31-09				
02-01-09				
21592	Brown	Bobbie	Crossville, TN	Technician
20854	Ferrell	Sara	Nashville, TN	Technician
1391	Johnson	Judy	Santa Fe, TN	Technician
13931	Alexander	Laura	Oakland, TN	Technologist
18361	Rourke	Drury	Waterloo, AL	Supervisor-General
02-27-09				
03-01-09				
20013	Frady	Tiffany	Johnson City, TN	Technician
11514	Tipton	Keith	Arab, AL	Technician
2320	Gowen	Jerry	Brentwood, TN	Supervisor-General
10551	Podgorski	Zobeida	Columbia, TN	Technologist-Micro
03-31-09				

**Attachment 4
Closed Files
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File Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
01-09 22344	Hanks	Jacob	Lebanon, TN	Technician
02-09	NO FILES CLOSED			
03-09 22055 22215	Fejeran Romine	Anna Sabrina	Clarksville, TN Sparta, TN Johnson City, TN	S.A.-Immunohematology Technician
22423	Cassidy	Scott	Myrtle Beach, SC	Technician
22407	Allen	Leigh	Crossville, TN	Technician
22395	Jeffries	Georgia	Fr. Worth, TX	Technician
22112	Hopkins	Cheryl	Memphis, TN	Technician
22337	Wainwright	Erica	Mt. Juliet, TN	Technician
22411	Musselman	Brenda	Birmingham, AL	Technician
22111	McDaniel	Elizabeth	Dothan, AL	Technologist
22290	McArdle	John	Jackson, MS	Technologist
22230	Norwood	Gwendetta	Oak Grove, KY	Technologist
22061	Holder	Michelle	Jonesboro, AR	Technologist
22307	Denton	Vikki	Jonesboro, AR	Technologist
22299	Denton	Rachel	Chesterfield, VA	Supervisor-Gen
20448	Nolan	Angela	Bristol, VA	Supervisor-Gen
13714	Kaylor	Bryan	Nashville, TN	Supervisor-Gen
21177	Jackson	Denise	Brentwood, TN	Director-Chem.
22199	Woodworth	Alison		

ATTACHMENT 5
Retired Licenses
January 1, 2009-March 31, 2009

License Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
01 09				
3008	Brown	Gary	Savannah, TN	Technician
3025	Gilbert	John	Pleasant View, TN	Technologist
21416	Dubois	Marie	Parrish, FL	Technologist
3045	Hixson	Linda	Bristol, TN	Technologist
3638	Hagler	Shelley	Cleveland, TN	Technologist
22029	Breal	Karen	Bristol, TN	Technologist
21721	Wiles	Marilyn	Knoxville, TN	Technologist
8859	Overton	Sandra	Hartsville, TN	Supervisor-General
2581	Looper	Sam	Monterey, TN	Supervisor-General
8061	Miller	Carey	Franklin, TN	Supervisor-General
5385	Kirkland	Terry	Maryville, TN	Supervisor-General
3753	Blevins	Mary	Bristol, VA	Supervisor-General
1782	Yockey	Linda	Shelbyville, TN	Supervisor-Micro
7684	Southmayd	Richard	Oak Ridge, TN	SA-Blood Gases
013109				
02 09				
19132	Hanson	John	St. Joseph, TN	Technician
1354	Watson	Linda	Mt. Juliet, TN	Technician-
5462	Rowenczak	Barbara	Nashville, TN	Hematology
12880	Cecil	Carolyn	Olney, IL	Technologist
18363	Reyes	April	Greenbrier, TN	Technologist
9052	Blevins	Harry	Knoxville, TN	Technologist
14444	Tilson	Deborah	Kingsport, TN	Supervisor-General
5953	Gwinn	Irma	Nashville, TN	Supervisor-General
17907	Gobert	Cynthia	Brighton, TN	Supervisor-General
1354	Watson	Linda	Mt. Juliet, TN	Technologist-
19117	Dunn	Rose	Kingsport, TN	Chemistry
2504	Guinn	William	Harrison, TN	Supervisor-Cytology
022809				Supervisor-
				Immunohematology
03 09				
18849	Brewington	Scott	Horn Lake, MS	Technician
5066	Chen	Ruey	Memphis, TN	Technician
14514	Parrott	Sherry	Jamestown, TN	Technician
531	O'Haney	Jeannie	Paris, TN	Supervisor-General
033109				